

President; Brandon Wales, Executive Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Bryan Vorndran, Assistant Director, Cyber Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CENSURING REPRESENTATIVE PAUL GOSAR

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative Paul Gosar. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 789, Censuring Representative Paul Gosar. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ethics or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5781, the “National Wildland Fire Risk Reduction Program Act”; H.R. 1437, the “PRECIP Act”; and H.R. 5324, the “NWR Modernization Act of 2021”. H.R. 5781, H.R. 1437, and H.R. 5324 were ordered reported, as amended.

A DISCUSSION WITH SBA ADMINISTRATOR ISABELLA CASILLAS GUZMAN

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Discussion with SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman”. Testimony was heard from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

REBUILDING COAST GUARD INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE MISSION CAPABILITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Rebuilding Coast Guard Infrastructure to Sustain and Enhance Mission Capability”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Paul Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; and Heather MacLeod, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM AND WHO IT LEFT BEHIND

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “The Opportunity

Zone Program and Who It Left Behind”. Testimony was heard from Jessica Lucas-Judy, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, 10:15 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Alanna McCargo, of Virginia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, and James Arthur Jemison II, of Michigan, and Elizabeth de Leon Bhargava, of New York, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Time to be announced, S–207, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 594, to double the existing penalties for the provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, S. 1127, to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 2699, to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, the nominations of Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and

Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Maria L. Pagan, of Puerto Rico, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Geneva Office), with the rank of Ambassador, Brent Neiman, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel, and Christi A. Grimm, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Christopher S. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Innovation and Intellectual Property Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on U.S. policy lessons learned, 10 a.m., SD-G50/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management, to hold hearings to examine security, trade, and travel flows at the Southwest border ports of entry, focusing on the Federal government perspective, 2:30 p.m., SD-342/VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 648, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1364, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, H.R. 1975, to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, H.R. 2088, to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and H.R. 4881, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 1617, to modify the requirements for the Administrator of the Small Business Administration relating to declaring a disaster in a rural area, S. 1621, to reauthorize and limit the pre-disaster mitigation program of the Small Business Administration, the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1296, to require a pilot program on activities under the Transition Assistance Program for a reduction in suicide among veterans, S. 1564, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide support to university

law school programs that are designed to provide legal assistance to veterans, S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action, S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1838, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on using alternative credit scoring information for veterans and members of the Armed Forces, S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, S. 1881, to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers, S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations, S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, S. 2329, to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, S. 2405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans, S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 3047, to establish a pilot program to support medical residency and fellowship programs that assist veterans, S. 3094, to

amend title 38, United States Code, to improve homeless veterans reintegration programs, S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill entitled, “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”, 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine the nexus between the illicit drug trade and corruption, 1 p.m., SD-608.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “Trade Policy and Priorities”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “U.S. Role in Global COVID-19 Vaccine Equity”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of COVID-19 Education Funds”, 10:15 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5561, the “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 5487, the “SHINE for Autumn Act of 2021”; H.R. 1193, the “CAROL Act”; H.R. 1667, the “Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act”; H.R. 3320, the “Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act of 2021”; H.R. 4555, the “Oral Health Literacy and Awareness Act of 2021”; H.R. 5551, the “Improving the Health of Children Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act”; H.R. 1218, the “Data Mapping to Save Moms’ Lives Act”; H.R. 2501, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”; H.R. 5502, the “Integrity, Notification, and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act”; and H.R. 4594, the “Restoring Brand USA Act”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “The FY22 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation, joint hearing entitled “A Whole-of-Government Approach to Combatting Ransomware: Examining DHS’s Role”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon and Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4445, the “Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021”; H.R. 612, the “Downwinders Parity Act of 2021”; H.R. 1621, the “Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act of 2021”; H.R. 5720, the “Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act of 2021”; H.R. 5961, to make revisions in

title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code; and H.R. 5962, to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 404, the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act of 2021”; H.R. 667, the “Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act”; H.R. 1931, the “Japanese American Confinement Education Act”; H.R. 2026, the “Global Amphibian Protection Act of 2021”; H.R. 2793, the “Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2021”; H.R. 3128, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act of 2021”; H.R. 3197, the “Save the Liberty Theatre Act of 2021”; H.R. 3326, the “Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2021”; H.R. 3531, the “Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act”; H.R. 3600, the “Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act”; H.R. 4494, the “Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act”; H.R. 4648, the “Cane River Creole National Historical Park Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 4706, the “Blackwell School National Historic Site Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act”; H.R. 5345, the “Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021”; and S. 2923, the “Fishery Resource Disasters Improvement Act”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “Invisible Wounds: Preventing Suicide in Our Nation’s Military and Veteran Communities”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “Combating Coronavirus Cons and the Monetization of Misinformation”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Fostering a New Era of Fusion Energy Research and Technology Development”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Industry and Labor Perspectives: A Further Look at North American Supply Chain Challenges”, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; and Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled “Supporting Survivors: Assessing VA’s Military Sexual Trauma Programs”, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Strengthening the U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment Relationship”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine cryptocurrency, focusing on digital assets and the role of government, 2:30 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.